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3. The Progresul Metalurgical Factory (former Franco-Rumanian Company) used the highest investment funds from the PGI (Braila branch), amounting to approximately 200,000,000 lei. The factory is situated on the Braila-Galati highway. The factory employs a large number of Greek Communist guerrillas. The Greek Democratic Committee in Braila is located on Boulevard Gusa in front of Strada Radu Gampini. The Greek refugees have a building on the corner of Strada Galati (now Tolbukin) and Strada Rahovei.
4. The Progresul Factory used investment funds at the end of 1949 to construct smelting installations 20 meters by 20 meters by seven meters. In 1950 they constructed four smelting furnaces in the interior of the above installations, the foundations of four mechanical hammers, and smoke passage ways that linked the furnaces to the chimneys. The chimney built of brick is 35 to 40 meters high. Four meters of the chimney are used for the release of gas produced by burning fuel. The oil is kept behind the factory in an

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underground reservoir with a capacity of 10 tons. Next to the smelting installation there is a two-story building; the second floor is for offices, and the first floor is for stores and rest rooms.

- a) Near the iron casting section, a new steel section was constructed. This section and the smelting section were constructed by the 7th Enterprises for Construction. In the new steel section a Siemens-Martin furnace was installed. For this furnace two oil reservoirs of 20 ton capacity each are being constructed.
 - b) In the casting section two ro-baking furnaces are being constructed. For the two furnaces, a 10 ton capacity underground oil reservoir is being constructed in front of the old installation.
 - c) Most of the machinery for the factory is imported from the Soviet Union, and some from Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The furnaces here the heating, imported from the USSR, although many of the machines from the Soviet Union were of English make. Machines included lathes, universal trimmers (Freze machines Univ), welding equipment, electromotors of 7, 10, and 11 horsepower, pneumatic hammers and electrical boring machines (in the heavy mechanical shops).
5. The Progresul Factory is scheduled within the Five Year Plan to become one of the largest locomotive factories in Rumania. It has 1,500 employees. It is the type of factory that can be converted to war production.
6. The Stanca Cement Factory in Braila has enlarged two of its kilns, the Lepol and Felner. The argil and calcite for the factory is transported by lighters on the Danube River and then unloaded into railroad cars. The calcite is then transported in freight cars up to the factory. The argil is lifted with the aid of rubber belts. This factory has been producing metallurgic cement on a large scale.

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